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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re the Application of

Robert C. U. YU

Group Art Unit: 1733

Application No.: 09/683,329

Examiner: J. HARAN

Filed: December 14, 2001

Docket No.: 118095

For: FABRICATION METHOD FOR AN ELECTROSTATOGRAPHIC MEMBER
HAVING A VIRTUAL FLEXIBLE SEAMLESS SUBSTRATE

REPLY BRIEF

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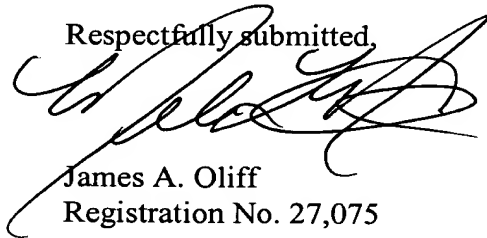
The following remarks are directed to the new points of argument raised in the Examiner's Answer dated December 20, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Appeal be maintained.

In the December 20, 2005 communication, the Examiner argues that "Schlueter '301 shows an example in the art of forming 'puzzle cut' shapes on the end of a substrate by placing a template on the substrate with the shape desired for the cut end of the substrate." Applicants agree that Schlueter '301 is directed to the formation of "puzzle cut" shapes rather than forming features that can be overlapped, as in the methods of present claims 1-23. However, Applicants do not agree that Schlueter '301 teaches placing a template on a substrate, as in claims 1, 10 and 21. In fact, Schlueter '301 provides no guidance as to how the template is used to form the puzzle cut shapes described therein, and clearly provides no

guidance as to how to use a template to form features that can be overlapped, as recited in claims 1-23. Instead, Schlueter '301 merely makes a passing mention to using a template at column 11, line 49, without teaching how the template is used. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Schlueter '301 does not overcome the deficiencies of the other cited references.

It is respectfully submitted that the remaining points of argument set forth in the December 20, 2005 communication were fully addressed in the Appellants' Appeal Brief of November 22, 2004 and/or previous Reply Brief of February 15, 2005. For the reasons set forth herein and in the Appeal Brief and previous Reply Brief, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,



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